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A Bill to exempt certain persons and property from Municipal taxation.

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

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3. As, however, that Bill is not at present to be proceeded with, it has been thought desirable to make the necessary provisions in a separate Bill; and the present Bill has accordingly been prepared for this purpose.

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